

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is requested. The Applicant is pleased to note that the Examiner considers claims 10, 11 and 32 to contain allowable subject matter.

In response, claim 1 has been amended to include all the limitations of claim 10. Claims 6 and 10 have been cancelled, while claims 7-9, 12 and 13 have been amended to correct claim dependencies. In addition, claim 11 has been canceled and a new claim 40 has been added. Claim 40 includes all the limitations of the base claim and the intervening claims of claim 11.

Similarly, claim 26 has been amended to include all the limitations of claim 32, and claims 27, 29-32 and 38 have been cancelled. Claims 28, 33 and 34 have also been amended to correct claim dependencies.

Independent claims 37 and 39 have been cancelled.

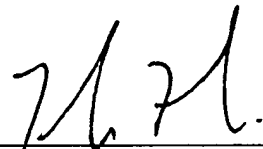
Accordingly, claims 1-5, 7-9, 12-26, 28, 33-36 and 40 remain pending herein. It is believed that the claims are in a condition for allowance. Therefore, the Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

If there are any additional charges, please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2666. If a telephone interview would in any way expedite the prosecution of the present application, the Examiner is invited to contact Jaina Chua at (408) 947-8200 ext. 213.

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